

A SPEECH Made by the Rigbe Honourable
 the Earl of ARRAN, to the Scotch No-
 bility and Gentry, Met together at the
 Council Chamber in White-Hall, on the
 Eighth of January 1688, about an Address to
 His Highness the PRINCE of ORANGE,
 to take upon him the Government of the Kingdom
 of SCOTLAND.

MY LORDS,

I Have all the Honour and Deference for
 the Prince of ORANGE imaginable.
 I think him a Brave Prince, and that we
 owe him great Obligations, in Contributing so
 much for our Delivery from Popery. But while
 I pay him those Praises, I cannot Violate my
 Duty to my Master. I must distinguish be-
 tween his Popery and his Person. I dislike the
 one, but have sworn and do owe Allegiance
 to the other; which makes it impossible for
 me to sign away that which I cannot forbear
 believing is the KING my Master's Right.
 For his present absence from us, by being in
 France, can no more affect our Duty, than
 his longer absence from us in Scotland has done
 all this while.

My Lords,

The Prince in his Paper desires our Advice,
 mine is, That we should move his Highness to
 desire His Majesty to Return and Call a Free
 Parliament, for the Securing our Religion and
 Property, according to the known Laws of
 that Kingdom; which, in my humble Opinion,
 will at last be found the Best Way to Heal all
 our Breaches.